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### MAGNUSON BREAKS RUSHING RECORD AS GRIZZLIES CLOSE GREAT 1967 SEASON

MISSOULA--

Big, blond Bryan Magnuson, whose brilliant play at fullback has highlighted University of Montana offensive football efforts all year, became the leading Montana ground gainer since the Grizzlies joined the Big Sky Conference in 1963.

Magnuson picked up 818 yards in 10 games to break Paul Connelly's mark of 753 set in 1965. He went over the top with a 101-yard output against Portland State Saturday, carrying the ball only 15 times.

Magnuson also became the second-leading rusher in modern Grizzly history, taking over the spot once held by the late Terry Dillon, who came to Montana from Hopkins, Minn., the same home town Bryan Magnuson claims;

Magnuson's season total of 818 yards places him second behind Dick Imer, the little penguin who rolled for 889 yards in 1954 when the Grizzlies were in the Big Sky Conference. Dillon rushed for 768 yards during his best year, 1962.

The 55-7 win over Portland State marked the end of the best Montana season since 1937, when Montana had a 7-1 record under Coach Doug Fessenden. This year's crew ended up with seven wins and three losses, and the 55-point output against Portland State was the highest recorded by a Montana team since 1926, when Montana rolled to a 56-7 win over Whitman College.

The Grizzlies were in control all the way against the Vikings, who only a week earlier had led Weber State 21-10 at halftime before bowing to the Wildcats, 40-21.

Magnuson scored three times in the first half, and wound up the year as the leading Grizzly scorer with 38 points, edging Ron Baines, junior split end, who had 37.

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Coach Jack Swarthout let his seniors play a lot against the Vikings, but not always in their normal positions.

Quarterbacks Jim Searles and Ed Steiner played tailback part of the time, and Searles caught a 17-yard pass playing split end. Punter Dewey Allen, who had done nothing but kick all year, went in at defensive back and intercepted a pass at the goal line, as well as making some key tackles.

The Grizzlies' All-America linebacker candidate, Bob Beers, carried the ball once from the fullback spot, and also caught a five-yard pass playing split end. Offensive guard Herb White and tackle Lon Howard saw action at defensive end and linebacker, respectively, and Baines played defensive back much of the second half.

Steiner and Searles scored one touchdown apiece playing at tailback. On the play that saw Searles catch his 17-yard pass, both other quarterbacks were also in the lineup. Steiner was at tailback, while Pete Mullins, a junior who completed six of eight passes Saturday, was calling signals.

Junior wingback Rick Strauss had his best effort of the year, catching six passes for 166 yards and two touchdowns of 59 and 40 yards. Defensive back Mick O'Neill, also a junior, intercepted two passes, running them back for 18 and 55 yards, to bring his total to six for the year.

Grizzly coach Swarthout was extremely pleased with the finale, and with the season as a whole.

"These kids came through all year," he said. "They played well because they wanted to play, and that's what counts in football or anything else. They really made our first year here worthwhile."

All five Grizzly coaches face the chore of recruiting for next year's team, but the showing of this year's fine eleven should make their job a little easier.